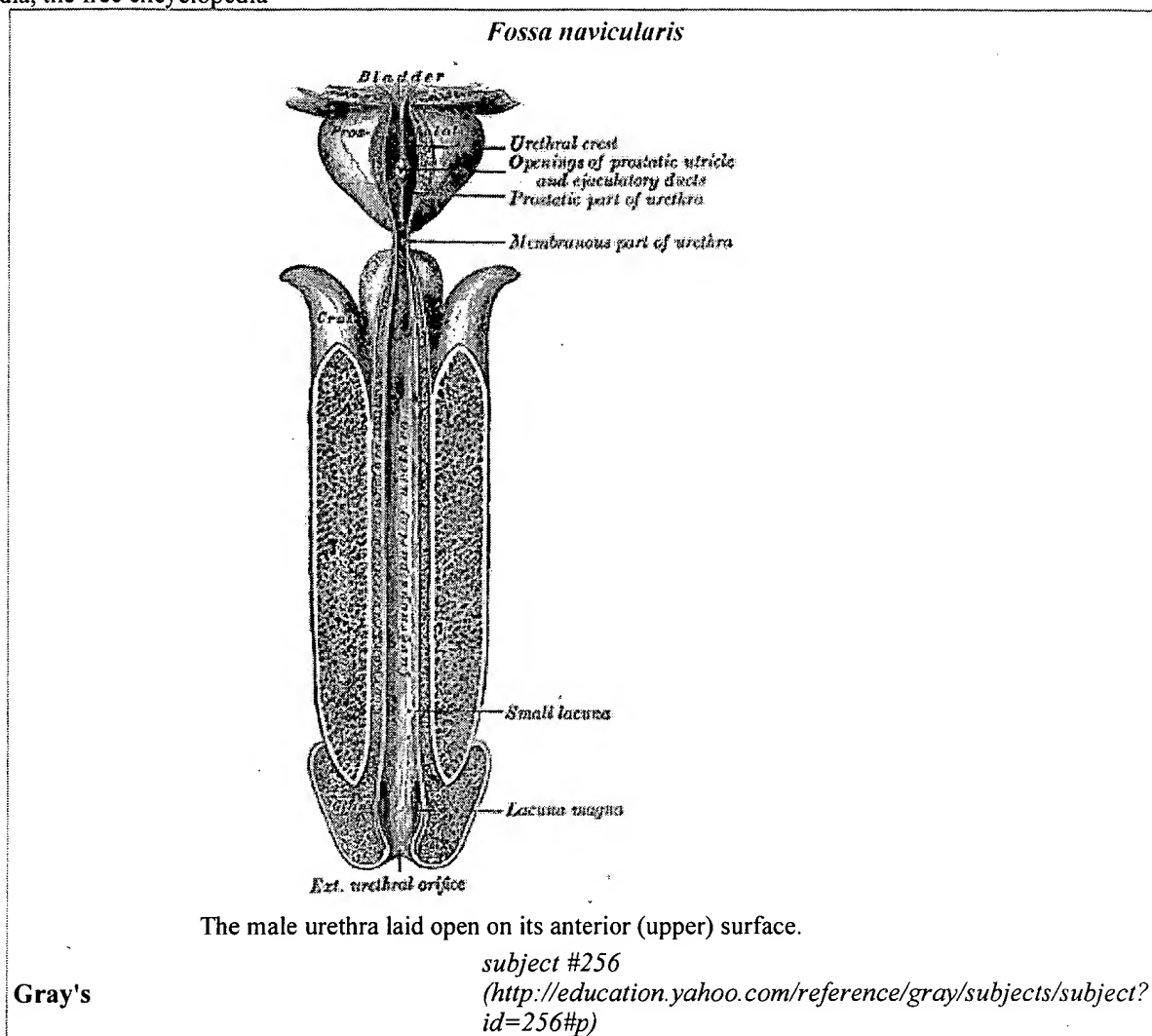


Fossa navicularis

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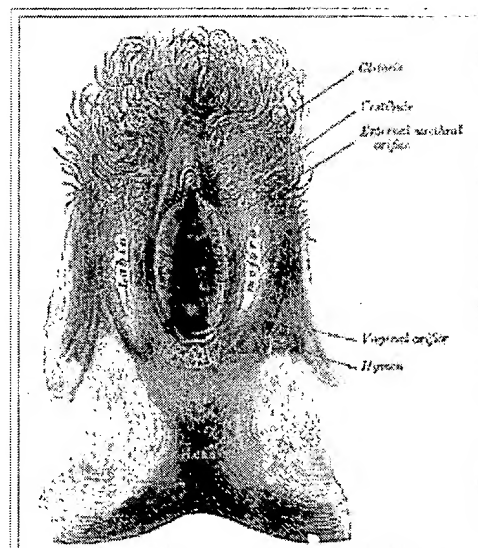
The **fossa navicularis** (or the **navicular fossa**) is the enlargement of the distal penile urethra just proximal to the urethral meatus (the external urethral orifice).

It can also refer to a structure present in both men and women, as described below.

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The cavernous portion (pars cavernosa; penile or spongy portion) is the longest part of the urethra, and is contained in the corpus cavernosum urethræ.



Gray's Fig. 1229 - External genital organs

It is about 15 cm. long, and extends from the termination of the membranous portion to the external urethral orifice.

of female. The labia minora have been drawn apart.

Commencing below the inferior fascia of the urogenital diaphragm it passes forward and upward to the front of the symphysis pubis; and then, in the flaccid condition of the penis, it bends downward and forward.

It is narrow, and of uniform size in the body of the penis, measuring about 6 mm. in diameter; it is dilated behind, within the bulb, and again anteriorly within the glans penis, where it forms the **fossa navicularis** urethræ.

- Gray's s256 (<http://education.yahoo.com/reference/gray/subjects/subject?id=256>)

From Gray's -- Female Urogenital Organs

Between the hymen and the frenulum of the labia is the **fossa navicularis**, while in the groove between the hymen and the labium minus, on either side, the small opening of the greater vestibular (Bartholin's) gland can be seen.

- Gray's s288 (<http://education.yahoo.com/reference/gray/subjects/subject?id=288>)

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